

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 65 - 67, 69 - 77, 79 - 81, 83 - 92 and 94 - 96 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 97 - 115 indicated below.

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1. - 62. (Canceled)

63. (Currently amended) A calendar-based asset organizer, implemented by instructions of a computer program stored on a computer readable storage medium, the medium comprising:

instructions for a digital asset manager, for receiving a search query for digital assets, and for returning a result set of identifiers for a plurality of digital assets that satisfy the query, wherein each asset in the result set has a ~~date~~ date & time associated therewith; and

instructions for a user interface, communicatively coupled with the digital asset manager, (i) for issuing the search query to the digital asset manager, (ii) for receiving the result set of the search query from the digital asset manager, (iii) for presenting a calendar view of the result set wherein years, months and days between the earliest and latest date & times associated with assets in the result set are represented by cells, the cells being of uniform size and sorted by time, the calendar view being either comprising (a) a year view for displaying at least one year per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated ~~dates~~ date & times within each year, for each of ~~from~~ the displayed years, [[or]] (b) a month view for displaying at least one month per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated ~~dates~~ date & times within each month, for each of ~~from~~ the displayed months, [[or]] and (c) a day view for displaying at least one day per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated ~~dates~~ date & times within each day, for each of ~~from~~ the displayed days, and (iv) for switching the calendar view between year view, month view and day view,

wherein (1) selecting a cell for a specific year within the year view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date & times within the specific year, (2) selecting a cell for a specific month within the month view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date & times within the specific month, and (3) selecting a cell for a specific day within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date & times within the specific day.

64. (Currently amended) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the ~~date~~ date & time associated with an asset is a ~~date~~ date & time stored by an asset capture device within a file header of a file containing the asset.

65. – 67. (Canceled)

68. (Currently amended) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the ~~date~~ date & time associated with an asset is a ~~date~~ date & time entered manually by a user.

69. – 77. (Canceled)

78. (Currently amended) The medium containing the calendar-based digital asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the assets are ~~digital~~ image collections comprising a plurality of individual image assets that are aggregated together, and wherein the ~~date~~ date & time associated with a ~~digital~~ an image collection is the earliest of the ~~dates~~ date & times associated with the individual ~~images~~ image assets in the collection.

79. – 81. (Canceled)

82. (Currently amended) A method for organizing assets, comprising:
issuing a search query for digital assets;

receiving a result set of identifiers for a plurality of digital assets that satisfy the search query, wherein each asset in the result set has a date date & time associated therewith; and

presenting a calendar view of the result set wherein years, months and days between the earliest and latest date & times associated with assets in the result set are represented by cells, the cells being of uniform size and sorted by time, the calendar view being either comprising (a) a year view for displaying at least one year per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates date & times within each year, for each of from the displayed years, [[or]] (b) a month view for displaying at least one month per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates date & times within each month, for each of from the displayed months, [[or]] and (c) a day view for displaying at least one day per cell, and indicating the number of assets in the result set that have associated dates date & times within each day, for each of from the displayed days; and

switching the calendar view between year view, month view and day view,

wherein (1) selecting a cell for a specific year within the year view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date & times within the specific year, (2) selecting a cell for a specific month within the month view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date & times within the specific month, (3) selecting a cell for a specific day within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date & times within the specific day.

83. – 92. (Canceled)

93. (Currently amended) The method of claim 82 wherein the assets are digital image collections comprising a plurality of individual image assets that are aggregated together, and wherein the date date & time associated with a ~~digital~~ an image collection is the earliest of the dates date & times associated with the individual ~~images~~ image assets in the collection.

94. – 96. (Canceled)

97. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the representations of the assets are thumbnail image representations.

98. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein selection of a plurality of cells serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date & times within any of the selected cells' date & time ranges.

99. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein (4) each cell within the month view comprises sub-cells corresponding to days within that month, and wherein selecting at least one sub-cell within the month view cell serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date & times within the corresponding at least one day, and (5) each cell within the day view comprises sub-cells corresponding to hours within that day, and wherein selecting at least one sub-cell within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date & times within the corresponding at least one hour.

100. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 99, wherein day-of-the-week labels are displayed within each sub-cell of the month view, and selecting a day-of-the-week label serves to select all sub-cells within the month having their day of the week the same as the label day of the week.

101. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein selecting a cell within the year view serves to activate the month view, and selecting a cell within the month view serves to activate the day view.

102. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, further comprising instructions for deselecting a currently selected cell in the calendar

view, and selecting the next or the previous cell whose associated date & time range includes a date & time associated with at least one of the assets in the result set.

103. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein right-clicking on a cell within the year view serves to display a pop-up window displaying months within the year, and to display the number of assets in the result set that have associated date & times within each month, for each of the displayed months.

104. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein each cell of the calendar view has a display background comprising a representation of an asset in the result set whose associated date & time lies within the cell's date & time range.

105. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the user interface further presents a list of assets in the result set, and wherein selecting at least one asset in the list serves to visually mark cells in the calendar view that have date & time ranges that include a date & time associated with the selected at least one asset.

106. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein the user interface further presents a list of assets in the result set, and wherein hovering a cursor over a cell in the calendar view serves to highlight assets in the list having associated date & times within the cell's date & time range.

107. (New) The medium containing the calendar-based asset organizer of claim 63, wherein at least one additional search criterion is received, and wherein the user interface makes the display of at least one cell dependent upon results obtained by the digital asset manager for a second search query, the second search query using the at least one additional search criterion and being performed on the subset of assets having associated date & times within the cell's date & time range.

108. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein the representations of the assets are thumbnail image representations.

109. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein selection of a plurality of cells serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have associated date & times within any of the selected cells' date & time ranges.

110. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein (4) each cell within the month view comprises sub-cells corresponding to days within that month, and wherein selecting at least one sub-cell within the month view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date & times within the corresponding at least one day, and (5) each cell within the day view comprises sub-cells corresponding to hours within that day, and wherein selecting at least one sub-cell within the day view serves to display representations of the assets in the result set that have date & times within the corresponding at least one hour.

111. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein selecting a cell within the year view serves to activate the month view, and selecting on a cell within the month view serves to activate the day view.

112. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein said presenting further comprises:
deselecting a currently selected cell in the calendar view; and
selecting the next or the previous cell whose associated date & time range includes a date & time associated with at least one of the assets in the result set.

113. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein each cell of the calendar view has a display background comprising a representation of an asset in the result set whose associated date & time lies within the cell's date & time range.

114. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein said presenting further comprises presenting a list of assets in the result set, and wherein selecting at least one asset in the list serves to visually mark cells in the calendar view that have date & time ranges that include a date & time associated with the selected at least one asset.

115. (New) The method of claim 82, wherein said presenting further comprises presenting a list of assets in the result set, and wherein hovering a cursor over a cell in the calendar view serves to highlight assets in the list having associated date & times within the cell's date & time range.